

Manchester Triathlon Club

2024 AGM

Minutes

Date: 27th February 2025

Location: The Bowling Green Hotel, Chorlton

Time: 8:30pm

Committee Members in attendance:

Geraint Morris (Chair) GM

Chris Evans (Vice Chair) CE

Stephen Pollard (Treasurer) SP

Cathy Atkinson (Welfare) CA

Stuart Tennant (Events) ST

And

Tom Elphick (Head Coach) TE

There was a total of 24 members present at the AGM

Apologies: Phil Mayall, Simon Davidson, Emma Lalley, Enrique Flores

1. Chair Update

GM thanked the outgoing committee members, Alexandra Kendall-Smith, Kate Johnson, Becca Northeast and especially Chris Evans for their hard work over the past year.

GM also thanked all of the members present for supporting the AGM and the club this year.

GM spoke about club kit and said that we now had HUUB kit available to purchase and immediately available.

2. Finance

SP stated that club finances were healthy, but we would have to carefully look at sessions and costs this year and that we would have to increase our membership fee this April. Our

average monthly expenditure on coaches and venues is up by £500 on last year. Membership was capped at 2024 prices at the start of the year.

The club bank balance has reduced by £19,000 over the last 12 months. The main drivers of this are the large procurement of club kit to make it easier for members to buy as we will not be tied to stock purchase windows, purchasing new equipment (with the new shipping container being the bulk of this outlay), and catching up payments owed to Moss Side Leisure Centre. All these items were important investments for the club's future.

Our cash reserves are currently at just under £42,000 and we always want to hold at least 3 months' worth of revenue.

3. Membership

Membership is healthy with 169 Gold and 151 Bronze members at the current time. As membership is now a 12 month rolling contract we expect to have more members join during the year. Junior and Youth membership is at a record high and thanks must go to TE for supporting this as Head Coach. We are going to push student membership at the start of the academic year.

The roll out of Team Up had gone well and that people were booking onto sessions successfully and it has made managing the sessions, coaches and attendance much easier.

4. Communications

We would like to set up partnerships with the triathlon/ swimming/ cycling/ running clubs at MMU and UoM.

We have some good discounts for members for online triathlon goods and local stores. And we are always looking for other offers.

We have teamed up with some local triathlon clubs, Mersey, Knutsford, Rochdale to advertise each others events and perhaps host joint events.

5. Events

ST stated that the 4 Aquathlons had been very well attended and we had record numbers in 2024.

We sold 189 slots for Boundary Breeze, so not quite sold out, but a very successful event with lots of positive feedback.

The Hill climbs project with Macclesfield Wheelers has been enjoyed by many members. Look out for dates in club emails.

The 100 100s was well attended and will run again this year.

Note that Boundary Breeze this year is June 8th.

ST thanked all of our volunteers who make these events possible and this was applauded by the members.

6. Head Coach Update

TE thanked Sarah and Caz for their time as Head Coach and Coach Coordinator respectively through some very difficult times, Covid.

Sessions at the start of the year were well attended and after a few teething problems with Team Up and getting the numbers right for certain sessions, it has settled down and Team Up is operating well for everyone and has made everything a lot easier. A new session was brought in at Abraham Moss, however, due to numbers this has been discontinued in 2025. The Aquatics session was fortnightly for the last quarter of 2024 and has now gone back to Monthly. We had a successful time at Crossford Bridge track whilst Longford track was resurfaced and was good to connect with Sale Harriers.

TE then provided an overview of the events that the club had run, including ones mentioned by ST as well as the Chase the Ace event in July, the social in September and the 100x100's. Park Run Tourism was reinstated, and a new Welcome to the Club Session was created to run on a monthly basis for new members to join. Members also took part in the 24hr run, with special mention to JO. TE also mentioned that the training event in Anglesey did not happen and that no training camp this year due to lack of numbers.

New coaches had joined the club and that these had received very good feedback and well received. TE also stated that the club had invested in the coaching team by supporting 4 members becoming SBR Leaders with the main aim to help out at the junior sessions, whilst being able to do more within the club as well.

TE stated that it had been a successful year for the club in terms of events as well as all the personal achievements of its members.

TE reiterated that the Junior section had grown and that there was a good core group of 15 – 20 juniors at sessions. One junior had come second in the Junior North West series as well last year, which was a big success. There was a great media event where the juniors got to meet Alistair Brownlee and it was in the news and press. Mersey Tri had invited us to take part in their Duathlon event and had 2 members do that. TE stated that for 2025 would look to continue to grow the junior section and get some kit for the juniors so that they felt part of the club.

7. Welfare

CA stated that the club's welfare responsibilities are in order and that she was happy to continue but asked for other members to take up some of the roles this year. It would be good if we could have members volunteer for each of the three disciplines and junior/ youth members.

8. Club Committee 2025

Proposed Resolution: That the following members be appointed to the Committee positions below to replace the outgoing members:

Vice Chair Simon Davidson

Secretary	Phil Mayall
Communications	Emma Lalley
Membership	Cliff Veighey

Following a show of hands of the members present, the resolution was passed.

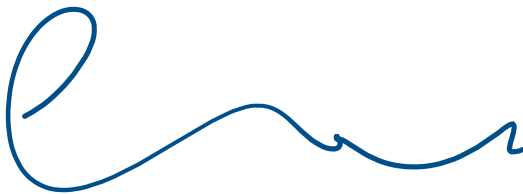
9. AOB

Some questions were asked about the popularity of some swim sessions and the sustainability of non-swim related sessions.

TE will look into some of the morning swim sessions to check on numbers and stated that the club was aligned with keeping on non-swim related sessions as much as possible and that sessions that did not need a paid venue were always useful to the club.

The Chair declared that there being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signature:

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Geraint Morris

Chair

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